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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE *3* MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *01 June 2011*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

4)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

5)☒ Claim(s) *1-19* is/are pending in the application.

5a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

6)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

7)☒ Claim(s) *1-19* is/are rejected.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

9)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

10)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

11)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

12)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 6/1/2011 has been entered.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to applicant's amendment dated 6/1/2011.
2. Claims 1-19 are pending in the case.
3. Claims 1, 4 and 12-19 are independent claims.

Applicant's Response

In Applicant's response dated 6/1/2011, applicant has amended the following:

a) Claims 1, 4 and 12-19

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-8 and 10-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gelsinger et al. (hereinafter "Gelsinger"), U.S. Patent No. 5,892,511 in view of UltraMon Smart Taskbar, (hereinafter "UltraMon"), NPL, August 3, 2003 of record.

Claim 1:

Gelsinger teaches **an information processing apparatus, comprising: a memory for storing data** (see col. 11 lines 60-65; memory and storage devices) **to display a plurality of windows** (see col. 5 lines 44-52; overlapping windows) **and data to display a plurality of selection areas which respectively correspond to said plurality of windows,** (see col. 5 lines 16-20; selectable icons or names in a typical taskbar are interpreted to be the recited "selection areas") a display for including a first display area on which only a predetermined window out of the plurality of windows is displayed or the plurality of windows are displayed in an overlapping manner (see col. 5 lines 44-52; overlapping windows) and a second display area on which said plurality of selection areas are displayed, and a processor coupled to the memory, the memory storing instructions that, when executed by the processor, control the processor to: (see

col. 5 lines 16-20; selectable icons or names in a typical taskbar (i.e., second display area) are interpreted to be the recited "selection areas")

Gelsinger fails to expressly teach both first and second display screen and detecting an input to display positions of said plurality of selection areas.

However, UltraMon teaches adding a taskbar to a second monitor which includes all the task (e.g., windows). **(claim 1; i.e., a first display screen including a first display area on which only a predetermined window out of the plurality of windows is displayed or the plurality of windows are displayed in an overlapping manner and a second display screen separate from the first display screen and including a second display area on which said plurality of selection areas displayed, and detect an input to display positions of said plurality of selection areas)**

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the taskbar bar as taught by Gelsinger to include an smart taskbar for multiple monitors as taught by UltraMon to provide the benefit of quickly switching tasks on any monitor.

As noted above, Gelsinger in view of UltraMon teaches **display, when it is determined that a first predetermined input is performed within a selection area corresponding to a window displayed on said first display area or a window displayed on a forefront by said detector, a window corresponding to the**

selection area that said detector detects as the first predetermined input on said second display area(see Gelsinger; col. 5 lines 16-20, col. 7 lines 1-7; selecting (i.e., first input) the icon (i.e., selection area) in a typical taskbar (i.e., display area underlying taskbar) to display a overlapped window in the forefront as the active window).

Claim 2:

Gelsinger teaches wherein the processor is further controlled to display**, when it is determined that a first predetermined input is performed within a selection area corresponding to a window which is not displayed on said first display area and said second display area or a window a part of which is hidden under the window displayed on the forefront on said first display area, the window corresponding to the selection area on said first display area or on the forefront on said first display area** (see col. 5 lines 16-20, col. 7 lines 1-7; selecting (i.e., first input) the icon (i.e., selection area) in a typical taskbar (i.e., display area underlying taskbar) to display a overlapped window in the forefront as the active window on the desktop (i.e., first display area).

Claim 3:

Gelsinger teaches **wherein the processor is further controlled to display, when it is determined that a second predetermined input is performed within a selection area corresponding to a window which is not displayed on said first display area and said second display area or a window a part of which is hidden**

under the window displayed on the forefront on said first display area, the window corresponding to the selection area on said second display area (see col. 5 lines 16-20, col. 7 lines 1-7; selecting (i.e., second input) the icon (i.e., selection area) in a typical taskbar (i.e., display area underlying taskbar) to display a overlapped window in the forefront as the active window on the desktop (i.e., first display area).

Claim 4:

Gelsinger teaches **a memory for storing data** (see col. 11 lines 60-65; memory and storage devices) **to display a plurality of windows** (see col. 5 lines 44-52; overlapping windows) **and data to display a plurality of selection areas which respectively correspond to said plurality of windows,** (see col. 5 lines 16-20; selectable icons or names in a typical taskbar are interpreted to be the recited "selection areas") **a display for including a first display area on which only a predetermined window out of the plurality of windows is displayed or said plurality of windows are displayed in an overlapping manner** (see col. 5 lines 44-52; overlapping windows) **and a second display area on which said plurality of selection areas are displayed and a processor coupled to the memory, the memory storing instructions that, when executed by the processor, control the processor to:** (see col. 5 lines 16-20; selectable icons or names in a typical taskbar (i.e., display area underlying taskbar) are interpreted to be the recited "selection areas")

Gelsinger fails to expressly teach both first and second display screen and detecting an input to display positions of said plurality of selection areas.

However, UltraMon teaches adding a taskbar to a second monitor which includes all the task (e.g., windows). **(claim 4; i.e., a first display screen including a first display area on which only a predetermined window out of the plurality of windows is displayed or the plurality of windows are displayed in an overlapping manner and a second display screen separate from the first display screen and including a second display area on which said plurality of selection areas displayed, and detect an input to display positions of said plurality of selection areas)**

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the taskbar bar as taught by Gelsinger to include an smart taskbar for multiple monitors as taught by UltraMon to provide the benefit of quickly switching tasks on any monitor.

As noted above, Gelsinger in view of UltraMon teaches **display, when it is determined that a second predetermined input is performed at a display position of a selection area corresponding to a window which is not displayed on said first display area and said second display area or a window a part of which is hidden under a forefront window out the plurality of windows displayed in the overlapping manners on said first display area, a window corresponding to the selection area that is detected as a first predetermined input on said second**

display area (see Gelsinger; col. 5 lines 16-20, col. 7 lines 1-7; selecting (i.e., second input) the icon (i.e., selection area) in a typical taskbar (i.e., display area underlying taskbar) to display a overlapped window in the forefront as the active window on the desktop (i.e., first display area).

Claim 5:

Gelsinger teaches **wherein the processor is further controlled to display, when it is determined that the first predetermined input is performed within a selection area corresponding to a window displayed on said first display area or the window displayed on the forefront, the window corresponding to the selection area on said second display area** (see col. 5 lines 16-20, col. 7 lines 1-7; selecting (i.e., first input) the icon (i.e., selection area) in a typical taskbar (i.e., display area underlying taskbar) to display a overlapped window in the forefront as the active window on the desktop (i.e., first display area).

Claim 6:

As noted above, Gelsinger in view of UltraMon teaches **wherein the processor is further controlled to: detect an input to an arbitrary position of said second display area, set, when a window is displayed on said second display area, the window to an inputable state.**

Claim 7:

Gelsinger teaches **wherein the processor is further controlled to display, when it is determined that a predetermined input is performed within a selection area corresponding to the window displayed on said second display area, the window corresponding to the selection area of the forefront on said first display area** (see col. 5 lines 16-20, col. 7 lines 1-7; selecting (i.e., input) the icon (i.e., selection area) in a typical taskbar (i.e., display area underlying taskbar) to display a overlapped window in the forefront as the active window on the desktop (i.e., first display area).

Claim 8:

As noted above, Gelsinger in view of UltraMon teaches **wherein the processor is further controlled to display, in a case that said window is displayed on said second display area and when it is determined that other window is being displayed on said second display area, the other window on the forefront on said first display area**.

Claim 10:

Gelsinger teaches displaying a taskbar (i.e., a basic input window) **(claim 10; i.e., wherein said memory stores data to display a basic input window to be displayed on said second display area, and the processor is further controlled to display said basic input window on said second display area when no window to be displayed on said second display area is present).**

Claim 11:

As noted above, Gelsinger in view of UltraMon teaches **wherein the processor is further controlled, when a predetermined coordinates input is performed to said window displayed on said second display area, generate data to display a new window and data to display a new selection area, and store the generated data in said memory by bringing the data to display a new window and the data to display a new selection area into correspondence with each other, and the processor is further controlled to display said generated selection area generated by said on said second display area.**

Claim 12:

Claim 12 is substantially encompassed in claim 1; therefore the claim 12 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 1 above.

Claim 13:

Claim 13 is substantially encompassed in claim 1; therefore the claim 13 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 1 above.

Claim 14:

Claim 14 is substantially encompassed in claim 1; therefore the claim 14 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 1 above.

Claim 15:

Claim 14 is substantially encompassed in claim 4; therefore the claim 14 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 4 above.

Claim 16:

Claim 16 is substantially encompassed in claim 4; therefore the claim 16 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 4 above.

Claim 17:

Claim 17 is substantially encompassed in claim 1; therefore the claim 17 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 1 above.

Claim 18:

Claim 18 is substantially encompassed in claim 1; therefore the claim 18 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 1 above.

Claim 19:

Claim 19 is substantially encompassed in claim 1; therefore the claim 19 is rejected under the same rationale as claim 1 above.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gelsinger in view of UltraMon as cited above, in further view of Shields et al. (hereinafter "Shields"), U.S. Patent No. 5,910,802 A of record.

Claim 9:

Both Gelsinger and UltraMon fail to expressly teach a touch panel.

However, Shields teaches a touch sensitive border and a viewing area (see abstract, Figure 4). **(claim 9; i.e., wherein the processor is further controlled to detect said first predetermined input on the basis of the input data from a touch panel which is not set on said first display area but set is on said second display area)**

It would have be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the taskbar as taught by Gelsinger in view of UltraMon to accept input via touch sensitive border as taught by Shields to provide the benefit of providing another way of auto hiding the taskbar to take advantage of limited screen space (see Shields; col. 1 line 35).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HENRY ORR whose telephone number is (571)270-1308. The examiner can normally be reached on 9am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Bashore can be reached on (571) 272-4088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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